

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) received an Innovative grant from the Governor's Office to help teenagers keep safe from domestic violence. Focus groups, (groups of teenagers) were asked questions as to what THEY feel the need is in regard to domestic violence and dating violence. Teens said they want to help each other and to use the Internet to access information. Now the www.weboffriends.org is being put together for all teens to access information about their questions, concerns, and need for support. Teens said they want to be part of the solution in ending violence. This led to the idea to let the teenagers publicize information on dating violence. This plan is now being put into action. The contest is to submit entries in five categories: video, audio, print, web page design, and storyboard. The entries will be judged on their effectiveness, and the winners will have their piece professionally produced and distributed. The goal is to help teens to be more comfortable with reporting violence and learn new skills to keep themselves safe. Both help bring awareness to a very real problem and offer solutions to them.

The Youth Empowerment Program The Short Story



- The deadline for all entries is January 2, 2007 by noon.
- Entries may be submitted by email or US Mail.
- Many exciting prizes will be awarded.
- First place prize is the professional production of the contests entry in each of the five categories.
- Please answer the questionnaire with your application and submit it with your entry.



The Youth Empowerment Project Contest Entry Form

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Five Categories (Choose One Per Entry)

_____ Video: 30-60 seconds in video, digital or written format

_____ Audio: 30 seconds in tape, digital or written format

_____ Print: 1- 8.5 x 11 page with logo, design, color scheme

_____ Web Page Design: 1 home page for internet digital or written format

_____ Storyboard: 5 or 6 frames in written or drawn format

Topic

Dating violence

All Entries Must Include the Following Messages

- Dating violence is common
- It is never ok or acceptable
- Visit WebOfFriends.org
- Teens helping teens

Send Entries

Mail to: Maricopa Association of Gov't 302 1st Ave. Ste. 300 Phoenix, AZ 85003

Email to: tfranquiz@mag.maricopa.gov

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Entries must be received by January 2nd, 2007

